

**WASHINGTON** – The Federal Transit Administration has awarded a \$3,398,058.00 grant to the City of Birmingham to be used for phase II in the construction of the Intermodal Transportation Facility. The grant will expand and transform the Morris Avenue bus transfer facility into a full service multi-modal transportation center. The varied modes of transportation accommodated by the center include local public transit, intercity bus and rail, bicycle, shuttle, taxi and car pool services.

"This grant will revolutionize Birmingham's downtown transportation system. Housing all of these services in one facility increases the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of public transportation. Most of all, this will greatly improve public transportation services for area citizens," said Congressman Spencer Bachus.

Existing AMTRAK facilities will also be consolidated with the Morris Avenue complex, as well as the Birmingham Greyhound Bus Terminal. The Federal Transit Administration is a department of the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C.

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